UNITED
NATIONS

A

General Assembly

Distr.
LIMITED

A/C.5/46/L.16
17 December 1991

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Forty-sixth session
FIFTH COMMITTEE
Agenda item 105

REVIEW OF THE EFFICIENCY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL FUNCTIONING OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Rationalization of the work of the Fifth Committee: biennialization of the programme of work

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the increased workload of the Fifth Committee and the need to ensure that the Committee is able to fulfil its responsibilities,

Recalling the previous established practice of the Fifth Committee to follow the biennial cycle in its programme of work,

1. Adopts the biennial approach of the consideration of agenda items of the Fifth Committee, with the exception of those which are specifically mandated to be considered annually, as required, or on an ad hoc basis;

2. Approves section I of the annex to the present resolution as the basis for the formulation of the biennial programme of work for the Fifth Committee, and decides to keep it under review;

3. Also approves the biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 1992-1993, as contained in section II of the annex;

4. Decides to conform requests for reports of the Secretary-General to be submitted to the Fifth Committee to the biennial programme of work of the Committee, except where the urgency of the subject-matter requires otherwise;

5. Requests the subsidiary bodies reporting to the Fifth Committee to adjust their programme of work to conform to the biennial work programme of the Fifth Committee;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Fifth Committee for consideration and approval each year a proposed biennial programme of work, taking into account relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly of that year;

7. Notes that the success of the progress of work of the Fifth Committee also depends upon the timely submission of the reports by the Secretary-General and the relevant subsidiary bodies.

ANNEX

I. Programme of work of the Fifth Committee

A. Annual consideration

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors.

2. Programme budget of the United Nations.

3. Current financial crisis of the United Nations.

4. Financial emergency of the United Nations.

5. Pattern of conferences. 1/

6. Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations.

7. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments.

8. Report of the Economic and Social Council.

B. Biennial consideration in odd years 2/

1. Proposed programme budget for the next biennium.

2. Joint Inspection Unit; in-depth examination and consideration of annual reports. 3/

1/ The calendar of conferences requires consideration each year; other issues under this item are considered biennially.

2/ References to "odd" or "even" years relate to calendar years.

3/ Joint Inspection Unit reports linked to substantive Fifth Committee agenda items are considered annually.

3. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations.

C. Biennial consideration in even years 2/

1. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations.

2. Programme planning.

3. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

4. Personnel questions. 4/

5. United Nations common system. 5/

6. United Nations pension system. 6/

D. Consideration as required

1. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations. 7/

II. Biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 1992-1993

A. Programme of work for 1992

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors.

4/ The United Nations staff list and the statistical report on the composition of the Secretariat would be issued also in odd years for information purposes.

5/ The report of the International Civil Service Commission is issued for information in odd years. No decision would be required on the part of the General Assembly on the issues covered in the report.

6/ The budget of the Pension Fund would be considered in odd years. It should be taken up as a sub-item under the agenda item of the proposed programme budget for the next biennium.

7/ The General Assembly should consider this item twice in three years.

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations.

3. Programme budget of the United Nations.

4. Programme planning.

5. Current financial crisis of the United Nations.

6. Financial emergency of the United Nations.

7. Joint Inspection Unit.

8. Pattern of conferences.

9. Personnel questions.

10. United Nations common system.

11. United Nations pension system.

12. Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations.

13 Report of the Economic and Social Council.

14. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments.

B. Programme of work for 1993 8/

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors.

2. Programme budget of the United Nations for 1992-1993.

3. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

4. Current financial crisis of the United Nations.

5. Financial emergency of the United Nations.

6. Joint Inspection Unit.

7. Pattern of Conferences.

8/ The programme of work for 1993 will be updated in 1992, taking into account relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

8. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations.

9. Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations.

10. Administrative and budgetary questions of the United Nations peace-keeping operations.

11. Report of the Economic and Social Council.

12. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments.

UNITED
NATIONS

A

General Assembly

Distr.
LIMITED

A/C.5/46/L.17
18 December 1991

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Forty-sixth session
FIFTH COMMITTEE
Agenda item 107

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

Administrative and financial arrangements regarding the United Nations International Drug Control Programme

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman

The General Assembly

1. Decides to establish, as from 1 January 1992, under the direct responsibility of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme as a fund for financing operational activities mainly in developing countries and to transfer to it the financial resources of the former United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control;

2. Authorizes the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as the principal United Nations policy-making body on drug control issues, taking into account Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/38 of 21 June 1991 and General Assembly resolution 46/104 of 16 December 1991 to approve, on the basis of the Executive Director's proposals, both the budget of the Fund's programme and the administrative and programme support costs budget, other than expenditures borne by United Nations regular budget, and requests the Commission to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session through the Economic and Social Council on the ways in which it plans to carry out the administrative and financial functions;

3. Requests the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to submit its comments and recommendations on the administrative and programme support costs budget of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;

4. Invites the Secretary-General to consider ways to streamline the proposed structure for the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, taking into account, inter alia, the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the views expressed in the Fifth Committee, including the need to promote regional cooperation under the coordination of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme in consultation with the regional commissions and to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

5. Decides to consider the arrangements relating to personnel for the United Nations International Drug Control Programme funded by the United Nations regular budget at a later stage during the current session of the General Assembly, and meanwhile requests the Secretary-General to take all measures necessary to expedite the recruitment of such personnel;

6. Notes that the paramount consideration in the employment of the staff and in the determination of the conditions of service shall be the necessity of securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity and that due regard shall be paid to the importance of recruiting the staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible;

7. Notes the intention of the Secretary-General to promulgate financial rules for the Fund, in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, it being understood that the references in the said financial rules to the role and functions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs shall be consistent with the role of the Commission given in paragraph 2 above;

8. Decides that, notwithstanding regulations 11.1 and 11.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, the Executive Director of the Programme shall maintain the accounts of the Fund of the Programme and shall be responsible for presenting the said accounts and related financial statements, not later than 31 March following the end of the financial period, to the Board of Auditors and for submitting financial reports to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and to the General Assembly.

UNITED NATIONS

A

General Assembly

Distr.
LIMITED

A/C.5/46/L.18 (Part I)
18 December 1991

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Forty-sixth session
FIFTH COMMITTEE
Agenda item 107

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

Draft report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Mahmoud BARIMANI (Islamic Republic of Iran)

CONTENTS

		Paragraphs	Page
I.	INTRODUCTION	1 - 9	2
II.	FIRST READING OF THE BUDGET ESTIMATES	10 - 13	5
III.	SECOND READING OF THE BUDGET ESTIMATES [See A/C.5/46/L.18 (Part II) and (Part II/Add.1)]		
IV.	CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL SUBJECTS [See A/C.5/46/L.18 (Part III)]		
V.	RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE [See A/C.5/46/L.18 (Part IV)]		

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Under agenda item 107, the Fifth Committee considered the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. The Committee recommends a gross appropriation of $x xxx xxx xxx and an estimate for income (other than income derived from staff assessment) of $xxx xxx xxx. The net expenditure for the biennium 1992-1993 is thus estimated at $x xxx xxx xxx. 1/

2. With regard to the Working Capital Fund, the Fifth Committee recommends that the Fund should be at the level of $100 million.

3. The Fifth Committee also recommends an estimate of $xxx xxx xxx as staff assessment for transfer in the course of the biennium 1992-1993 to the Tax Equalization Fund, from which credits are distributed to Member States in accordance with General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955.

4. For its examination of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, the Fifth Committee had before it, as basic documents, the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 submitted by the Secretary-General, 2/ the first report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 3/ and the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its thirty-first session. 4/ Revised estimates and programme budget implications affecting various appropriation sections were subsequently considered on the basis of reports of the Secretary-General and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

5. In accordance with the guidelines for the contingency fund as annexed to General Assembly resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987, the Fifth Committee, at its meeting, on , considered a consolidated statement of all programme budget implications and revised estimates that were subject to the criteria for the use of the contingency fund (A/C.5/46/81) and the corresponding report of the Advisory Committee, which was presented orally. The consolidated amount fell within the available balance of the contingency fund. The Committee, therefore, proceeded to approve the required amounts under the relevant sections of the programme budget.

1/ The financing of the requirements for 1992 is dealt with in draft resolution xxC (see para.).

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1).

3/ Ibid., Supplement No. 7 (A/46/7).

4/ Ibid., Supplement No. 16 (A/46/16 and Add.1).

6. The general debate on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 was held at the 5th, 9th and 10th to 15th meetings, held between 10 and 28 October 1991. The debate is reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/46/SR.5, 9 and 10-15).

7. Introductory statements were made by the Secretary-General, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination at the 5th meeting, on 10 October (see A/C.5/46/SR.5).

8. The reservations expressed by delegations with respect to certain items of expenditure included in the budget estimates are reflected in the relevant summary records of the Committee.

9. Individual sections for the proposed programme budget were considered in first reading by the Committee during the meetings indicated below:

Section Expenditure sections	Meetings
1	16th and 17th
2	17th, 20th and 41st
3	17th
4	17th
5	19th
6	19th, 41st and 47th
7	20th
8	20th
9	20th
10	20th
11	21st
12	21st
13	21st
14	22nd
15	22nd
16	22nd
17	22nd
18	23rd
19	23rd
20	23rd
21	23rd
22	25th
23	25th and 27th
24	27th
25	27th
26	27th
27	41st
28	27th
29	29th
30	29th

Section	Meetings
Expenditure sections	
31	29th
32	31st
33	31st and 33rd
34	33rd
35	33rd
36	33rd
Income sections	
1	33rd
2	33rd
3	33rd

II. FIRST READING OF THE BUDGET ESTIMATES

10. The results of the decisions taken by the Committee at the first reading on individual expenditure and income sections were as follows:

Section	Recommended appropriation	In favour	Against	Abstentions
	(Thousands of US dollars)			
Expenditure sections				
PART I. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination				
1. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination	35 283.8	Adopted without a vote		
PART II. Political affairs				
2. Good offices and peacemaking; peace-keeping; research and the collection of information	72 071.0	Adopted without a vote		
3. Political and Security Council affairs	16 077.3	Adopted without a vote		
4. Political and General Assembly affairs and Secretariat services	12 733.5	Adopted without a vote		
5. Disarmament	13 448.9	Adopted without a vote		
6. Special political questions; regional cooperation; trusteeship and decolonization	9 484.4	Adopted without a vote		
7. Elimination of apartheid	8 156.8	Adopted without a vote		
PART III. International justice and law				
8. International Court of Justice	16 510.9	Adopted without a vote		
9. Legal activities	22 058.6	Adopted without a vote		
10. Law of the sea and ocean affairs	9 351.9	Adopted without a vote		

	Section	Recommended appropriation	In favour	Against	Abstentions
		(Thousands of US dollars)			
PART IV.	International cooperation for development				
	11. Development and international economic cooperation	18 089.4	Adopted without a vote		
	12. Regular programme of technical cooperation	42 851.8	Adopted without a vote		
	13. Department of International Economic and Social Affairs ..	54 108.2	Adopted without a vote		
	14. Department of Technical Cooperation for Development ..	27 632.4	Adopted without a vote		
	15. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	90 232.0	Adopted without a vote		
	16. International Trade Centre ...	17 916.2	Adopted without a vote		
	17. United Nations Environment Programme	13 785.9	Adopted without a vote		
	18. Centre for Science and Technology for Development ...	4 918.6	Adopted without a vote		
	19. United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) ..	11 999.4	Adopted without a vote		
	20. United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations ...	12 841.7	Adopted without a vote		
	21. Social development and humanitarian affairs	13 942.8	Adopted without a vote		
	22. International drug control ...	13 632.3	Adopted without a vote		
PART V.	Regional cooperation for development				
	23. Economic Commission for Africa	67 089.8	Adopted without a vote		
	24. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	47 450.7	Adopted without a vote		

Section		Recommended appropriation	In favour	Against	Abstentions
		(Thousands of US dollars)			
	25. Economic Commission for Europe	41 080.9	Adopted without a vote		
	26. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean	71 809.7	Adopted without a vote		
	27. Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	51 630.0	Adopted without a vote		
PART VI.	Human rights and humanitarian affairs				
	28. Human rights	23 489.6	Adopted without a vote		
	29. Protection of and assistance to refugees	62 202.8	Adopted without a vote		
	30. Disaster relief operations ...	7 831.3	Adopted without a vote		
PART VII.	Public information				
	31. Public information	99 607.3	Adopted without a vote		
PART VIII.	Common support services				
	32. Conference services	422 900.5	Adopted without a vote		
	33. Administration and management.	418 518.2	Adopted without a vote		
PART IX.	Special expenses				
	34. Special expenses	44 807.6	Adopted without a vote		
PART X.	Capital expenditures				
	35. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	97 756.1	Adopted without a vote		
PART XI.	Staff assessment				
	36. Staff assessment	326 373.1	Adopted without a vote		

Section	Recommended appropriation	In favour	Against	Abstentions
	(Thousands of US dollars)			
Income sections				
1. Income from staff assessment	331 606.4	Adopted without a vote		
2. General income	62 690.5	Adopted without a vote		
3. Services to the public	7 480.3	Adopted without a vote		

11. The paragraphs which follow under this heading reflect special actions taken by the Committee under certain sections in the course of the first reading with respect to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 2/ and the first report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon. 3/

Section 6. Special political questions; regional cooperation; trusteeship and decolonization

12. At its 47th meeting, on 9 December, the Fifth Committee considered revised estimates under section 6 submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/46/39) and approved in first reading, without a vote, an appropriation of $9,484,400 under this section of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, as recommended in paragraph 15 of the Advisory Committee (A/46/7/Add.13).

Section 27. Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

13. At its 41st meeting, on 25 November, the Fifth Committee considered revised estimates under section 27 submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/46/18) and approved, in first reading, without a vote, an appropriation of $51,630,000 under section 27 for the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 on the understanding that further revised estimates for section 27 will be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, as recommended in paragraph 5 of the report of the Advisory Committee (A/46/7/Add.2).

UNITED
NATIONS

A

General Assembly

Distr.
LIMITED

A/C.5/46/L.18 (Part II)
18 December 1991

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Forty-sixth session
FIFTH COMMITTEE
Agenda item 107

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

Draft report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Mahmoud BARIMANI (Islamic Republic of Iran)

III. SECOND READING OF THE BUDGET ESTIMATES

14. Decisions taken at the first reading by the Fifth Committee concerning certain expenditure and income sections were affected by actions taken by the Committee on questions relating to the proposed programme budget (see para. 53, draft resolution I B) and by actions taken on the basis of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee regarding certain revised estimates submitted by the Secretary-General and on the appropriations required for the implementation of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its current session on the recommendation of other Main Committees.

15. The requirements under the various sections of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 approved by the Fifth Committee are as follows:

Section		Amount approved	Total
		(Thousands of US dollars)	
Expenditure sections			
1.	Overall policy-making, direction and coordination		
I.	Approved in first reading at 17th meeting	35 283.8	
II.	Financial implications:		
	International cooperation to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the disaster at Chernobyl (A/C.5/46/60, A/C.5/46/SR.53)	368.6	
III.	Under-utilized balance	300.5	
IV.	Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	(407.4)	
	Total, section 1		35 545.5
2.	Good offices and peace-making; peace-keeping; research and the collection of information		
I.	Approved in first reading at 41st meeting	72 071.0	
II.	Financial implications:		
	The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (A/C.5/46/38, A/46/7/Add.10, A/C.5/46/SR.44 and 45, A/46/743, General Assembly resolution 46/23)	6 600.0	
	The situation in Central America: threats to international peace and security and peace initiatives (A/C.5/46/62, A/C.5/46/SR.51)	163.3	
III.	Revised estimates:		
	Offices of the Secretary-General in the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iraq (A/C.5/46/64, A/46/7/Add.16, A/C.5/46/SR.54)	4 170.1	
IV.	Under-utilized balance	871.7	

/...

Section		Amount approved	Total
		(Thousands of US dollars)	
V.	Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	13 704.5	
	Total, section 2	97 580.6	
3.	Political and Security Council affairs		
I.	Approved in first reading at 17th meeting	16 077.3	
II.	Under-utilized balance	17.7	
III.	Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	(272.0)	
	Total, section 3	15 822.8	
4.	Political and General Assembly affairs and Secretariat services		
I.	Approved in first reading at 17th meeting	12 733.5	
II.	Under-utilized balance	24.2	
III.	Decisions of the Fifth Committee	(100.2)	
IV.	Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	(171.2)	
	Total, section 4	12 486.3	
5.	Disarmament		
I.	Approved in first reading at 19th meeting	13 448.9	
II.	Under-utilized balance	26.4	
III.	Financial implications:		
	Implementation of the Declaration on the Denuclearization of Africa (A/C.5/46/42, A/46/7/Add.11, A/C.5/46/SR.46, A/46/752, General Assembly resolution 46/34 A and B)	48.4	

Section		Amount approved	Total
		(Thousands of US dollars)	
IV.	Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	(259.3)	
	Total, section 5		13 264.4
6.	Special political questions; regional cooperation; trusteeship and decolonization		
I.	Approved in first reading at 47th meeting	9 484.4	
II.	Revised estimates:		
	Revised estimates under section 6 (Special political questions; regional cooperation; trusteeship and decolonization) (A/C.5/46/39, A/46/7/Add.13, A/C.5/46/SR.47)	- a/	
III.	Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	14.7	
	Total, section 6		9 499.1
7.	Elimination of Apartheid		
I.	Approved in first reading at 20th meeting	8 156.8	
II.	Under-utilized balance	12.4	
III.	Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	131.1	
	Total, section 7		8 300.3
8.	International Court of Justice		
I.	Approved in first reading at 20th meeting	16 510.9	
II.	Under-utilized balance	104.5	

a/ Initial proposals by the Secretary-General for this section totalled $9,765,400; revised estimates subsequently submitted proposed a reduction of $86,300.

Section		Amount approved	Total
		(Thousands of US dollars)	
III.	Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	991.1	
	Total, section 8		17 606.5
9.	Legal activities		
I.	Approved in first reading at 20th meeting	22 058.6	
II.	Under-utilized balance	41.7	
III.	Decisions of the Fifth Committee	33.4	
IV.	Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	(311.9)	
	Total, section 9		21 821.8
10.	Law of the sea and ocean affairs		
I.	Approved in first reading at 20th meeting	9 351.9	
II.	Under-utilized balance	52.4	
III.	Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	(316.0)	
	Total, section 10		9 088.3
11.	Development and international economic cooperation		
I.	Approved in first reading at 21st meeting	18 089.4	
II.	Under-utilized balance	86.1	
III.	Financial implications:		
	Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (A/C.5/46/74, A/C.5/46/SR.54)	1 176.3	

Section		Amount approved	Total
		(Thousands of US dollars)	
IV.	Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	(304.8)	
	Total, section 11		19 047.0
12.	Regular programme of technical cooperation		
I.	Approved in first reading at 21st meeting	42 851.8	
II.	Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	(565.9)	
	Total, section 12		42 285.9
13.	Department of International Economic and Social Affairs		
I.	Approved in first reading at 21st meeting	54 108.2	
II.	Note by the Secretary-General: administrative and financial arrangements for the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development (A/C.5/46/25 and Corr.1, A/46/7/Add.6, A/C.5/46/SR.45)	1 552.3	
III.	Under-utilized balance	78.1	
IV.	Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	(910.5)	
	Total, section 13		54 828.1
14.	Department of Technical Cooperation for Development		
I.	Approved in first reading at 22nd meeting	27 632.4	
II.	Under-utilized balance	10.6	
III.	Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	(160.3)	
	Total, section 14		27 482.7

Section		Amount approved	Total
		(Thousands of US dollars)	
15.	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development		
I.	Approved in first reading at 22nd meeting	90 232.0	
II.	Under-utilized balance	366.6	
III.	Decisions of the Fifth Committee	(250.3)	
IV.	Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	128.8	
	Total, section 15		90 477.1
16.	International Trade Centre		
I.	Approved in first reading at 22nd meeting	17 916.2	
	Total, section 16		17 916.2
17.	United Nations Environment Programme		
I.	Approved in first reading at 22nd meeting	13 785.9	
II.	Under-utilized balance	84.5	
III.	Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	(943.0)	
	Total, section 17		12 927.4
18.	Centre for Science and Technology for Development		
I.	Approved in first reading at 23rd meeting	4 918.6	
II.	Under-utilized balance	10.9	
III.	Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	(78.5)	
	Total, section 18		4 851.0

Section		Amount approved	Total
		(Thousands of US dollars)	
19.	United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)		
I.	Approved in first reading at 23rd meeting	11 999.4	
II.	Financial implications:		
	Living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory (A/C.5/46/73, A/C.5/46/SR.53)	47.0	
III.	Under-utilized balance	33.7	
IV.	Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	(579.6)	
	Total, section 19	11 500.5	

Section	Amount approved	Total
	(Thousands of US dollars)	
20. United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations		
I. Approved in first reading at 23rd meeting ...	12 841.7	
II. Under-utilized balance	45.7	
III. Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	(47.9)	
Total, section 20		12 839.5
21. Social development and humanitarian affairs		
I. Approved in first reading at 23rd meeting ...	13 942.8	
II. Under-utilized balance	19.1	
III. Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	(63.1)	
Total, section 21		13 898.8
22. International drug control		
I. Approved in first reading at 25th meeting ...	13 632.3	
II. Revised estimates:		
Revised estimates resulting from decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its first and second regular sessions of 1991 (A/C.5/46/34, A/44/7/Add.4, A/C.5/46/SR.45 and A/46/3)	70.2	
III. Under-utilized balance	38.2	
IV. Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	(89.3)	
Total, section 22		13 651.4

Section	Amount approved	Total
	(Thousands of US dollars)	
23. Economic Commission for Africa		
I. Approved in first reading at 27th meeting ...	67 089.8	
II. Financial implications:		
Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa (A/C.5/46/70, A/C.5/46/SR.53)	398.9	
United Nations Africa Institute for the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders (A/C.5/46/77, A/C.5/46/SR.54) ..	180.0	
Report of the Secretary-General on self-evaluation capacity of the Economic Commission for Africa (A/C.5/46/37, A/C.5/46/SR.53)	113.0	
III. Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	7 177.6	
Total, section 23		74 959.3
24. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific		
I. Approved in first reading at 27th meeting ...	47 450.7	
II. Financial implications:		
Phase II of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific (A/C.5/46/71, A/C.5/46/SR.53)	73.5	
III. Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	4 363.3	
Total, section 24		51 887.5

Section	Amount approved	Total
	(Thousands of US dollars)	
25. Economic Commission for Europe		
I. Approved in first reading at 27th meeting ...	41 080.9	
II. Under-utilized balance	50.2	
III. Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	111.8	
Total, section 25		41 242.9
26. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean		
I. Approved in first reading at 27th meeting ...	71 809.7	
II. Financial implications:		
III. Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	(4 056.0)	
Total, section 26		67 753.7
27. Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia		
I. Approved in first reading at 41st meeting	51 630.0	
II. Revised estimates:		
Revised estimates under section 27 (Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia) (A/C.5/46/18, A/46/7/Add.2, A/C.5/46/SR.41) .	- b/	
III. Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	(969.4)	
Total, section 27		50 660.6

b/ Initial proposals by the Secretary-General for this section totalled $51,463,900, revised estimates subsequently submitted proposed an increase of $166,100.

Section		Amount approved	Total
		(Thousands of US dollars)	
28.	Human rights		
I.	Approved in first reading at 27th meeting ...	23 489.6	
II.	Financial implications:		
	Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/C.5/46/58, A/C.5/46/SR.52)	(34.0)	
III.	Under-utilized balance	55.2	
	Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	(119.6)	
	Total, section 28		23 391.2
29.	Protection of and assistance to refugees		
I.	Approved in first reading at 29th meeting	62 202.8	
II.	Under-utilized balance	3.7	
III.	Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	(1 383.5)	
	Total, section 29		60 823.0
30.	Disaster relief operations		
I.	Approved in first reading at 29th meeting	7 831.3	
II.	Under-utilized balance	9.6	
III.	Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	(16.3)	
	Total, section 30		7 824.6

Section	Amount approved	Total
	(Thousands of US dollars)	
31. Public information		
I. Approved in first reading at 29th meeting ...	99 607.3	
II. Financial implications:		
Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/C.5/46/58, A/C.5/46/SR.52)	400.0	
III. Under-utilized balance	1 273.5	
IV. Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	(303.8)	
Total, section 31		100 977.0
32. Conference services		
I. Approved in first reading at 31st meeting ...	422 900.5	
II. Revised estimates:		
Revised estimates under section 32D (Conference and library services, Vienna) (A/C.5/46/30 and Add.1 and 2, A/46/7/Add.15, A/C.5/46/SR.54)	803.8	
III. Under-utilized balance	1 767.8	
Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	(3 057.5)	
Total, section 32		422 414.6

Section		Amount approved	Total
		(Thousands of US dollars)	
33.	Administration and management		
	I. Approved in first reading at 33rd meeting ...	418 518.2	
	II. Under-utilized balance	7 786.5	
	III. Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	(4 369.3)	
	Total, section 33		421 935.4
34.	Special expenses		
	I. Approved in first reading at 33rd meeting ...	44 807.6	
	II. Under-utilized balance	156.9	
	III. Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	70.5	
	Total, section 34		45 035.0
35.	Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance		
	I. Approved in first reading at 33rd meeting ...	97 756.1	
	II. Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	(940.5)	
	Total, section 35		96 815.6

Section	Amount approved	Total
	(Thousands of US dollars)	
36. Staff assessment		
I. Approved in first reading at 33rd meeting ...	326 373.1	
II. Financial implications:		
The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (A/C.5/46/38, A/46/7/Add.10, A/C.5/46/SR.44 and 45, A/46/743, General Assembly resolution 46/23)	359.7	
International cooperation to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the disaster at Chernobyl (A/C.5/46/60, A/C.5/46/SR.53)	56.0	
The situation in Central America: Threats to international peace and security and peace initiatives (A/C.5/46/62, A/C.5/46/SR.51)	35.0	
Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa (A/C.5/46/70, A/C.5/46/SR.53)	17.0	
Phase II of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific (A/C.5/46/71, A/C.5/46/SR.53)	15.4	
III. Decision of the Fifth Committee	(32.3)	
IV. Revised estimates:		
Revised estimates under section 32D (Conference and Library Services, Vienna) (A/C.5/46/30 and Add.1 and 2, A/46/7/Add.15, A/C.5/46/SR.54)	108.6	
Revised estimates under section 6 (Special political questions; regional cooperation; trusteeship and decolonization) (A/C.5/46/39, A/46/7/Add.13, A/C.5/46/SR.47)	(19.0)	

Section	Amount approved	Total
	(Thousands of US dollars)	
Offices of the Secretary-General in the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iraq (A/C.5/46/64, A/46/7/Add.16, A/C.5/46/SR.54)	325.4	
V. Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	46 898.3	
Total, section 36		374 137.2
Total, expenditure sections		2 402 578.8
Income sections		
1. Income from staff assessment		
I. Approved in first reading at 33rd meeting ..	331 606.4	
II. Financial implications:		
The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (A/C.5/46/38, A/46/7/Add.10, A/C.5/46/SR.44 and 45, A/46/743, General Assembly resolution 46/23)	359.7	
International cooperation to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the disaster at Chernobyl (A/C.5/46/60, A/C.5/46/SR.53)	56.0	
The situation in Central America: threats to international peace and security and peace initiatives (A/C.5/46/62, A/C.5/46/SR.51)	35.0	
Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa (A/C.5/46/70, A/C.5/46/SR.53)	17.0	
Phase II of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific (A/C.5/46/71, A/C.5/46/SR.53)	15.4	

	Section	Amount approved	Total
		(Thousands of US dollars)	
III.	Decision of the Fifth Committee	(32.3)	
IV.	Revised estimates:		
	Revised estimates under section 32D (Conference and library services, Vienna) (A/C.5/46/30 and Add.1 and 2, A/46/7/Add.15, A/C.5/46/SR.54)	108.6	
	Revised estimates under section 6 (Special political questions, regional cooperation, trusteeship and decolonization) (A/C.5/46/39, A/46/7/Add.13, A/C.5/46/SR.47)	(19.0)	
	Offices of the Secretary-General in the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iraq (A/C.5/46/64, A/46/7/Add.16, A/C.5/46/SR.54)	325.4	
V.	Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.).....	47 415.8	
	Total, income section 1		379 926.0
2.	General income		
I.	Approved in first reading at 33rd meeting ..	62 690.5	
II.	Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.)	(245.7)	
	Total, income section 2		62 444.8

Section	Amount approved	Total
	(Thousands of US dollars)	
3. Services to the public		
I. Approved in first reading at 33rd meeting ..	7 480.3	
II. Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/46/82, A/C.5/46/SR.).....	(637.8)	
Total, income section 3	6 842.5	
Total, income sections		449 213.3

UNITED NATIONS

A

General Assembly

Distr.
LIMITED

A/C.5/46/L.18 (Part II)/Add.1
18 December 1991

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Forty-sixth session
FIFTH COMMITTEE
Agenda item 107

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

Draft report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Mahmoud BARIMANI (Islamic Republic of Iran)

III. SECOND READING OF THE BUDGET ESTIMATES

Addendum

16. At its ___th meeting on ___ December, the Committee considered the second reading of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. The outcome was as follows:

Section		Recommended appropriation	In favour	Against	Abstentions
		(Thousands of US dollars)			
Expenditure sections					
PART I.	Overall policy-making, direction and coordination				
1.	Overall policy-making, direction and coordination	35 545.5			
PART II.	Political affairs				
2.	Good offices and peace-making, peace-keeping; research and the collection of information	97 580.6			
3.	Political and Security Council affairs	15 822.8			
4.	Political and General Assembly affairs and Secretariat services	12 486.3			
5.	Disarmament	13 264.4			
6.	Special political questions, regional cooperation, trusteeship and decolonization	9 499.1			
7.	Elimination of apartheid	8 300.3			
PART III.	International justice and law				
8.	International Court of Justice	17 606.5			
9.	Legal activities	21 821.8			
10.	Law of the Sea and ocean affairs	9 088.3			
PART IV.	International cooperation for development				
11.	Development and international economic cooperation	19 047.0			
12.	Regular programme of technical cooperation	42 285.9			

	Section	Recommended appropriation	In favour	Against	Abstentions
		(Thousands of US dollars)			
13.	Department of International Economic and Social Affairs	54 828.1			
14.	Department of Technical Cooperation for Development	27 482.7			
15.	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	90 477.1			
16.	International Trade Centre	17 916.2			
17.	United Nations Environment Programme	12 927.4			
18.	Centre for Science and Technology for Development	4 851.0			
19.	United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)	11 500.5			
20.	United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations	12 839.5			
21.	Social development and humanitarian affairs	13 898.8			
22.	International drug control	13 651.4			
PART V.	Regional cooperation for development				
23.	Economic Commission for Africa	74 959.3			
24.	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	51 887.5			
25.	Economic Commission for Europe	41 242.9			
26.	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean	67 753.7			
27.	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	50 660.6			

Section		Recommended appropriation	In favour	Against	Abstentions
		(Thousands of US dollars)			
PART VI.	Human rights and humanitarian affairs				
28.	Human rights	23 391.2			
29.	Protection of and assistance to refugees	60 823.0			
30.	Disaster relief operations	7 824.6			
PART VII.	Public information				
31.	Public information	100 977.0			
PART VIII.	Common support services				
32.	Conference services	422 414.6			
33.	Administration and management	421 935.4			
PART IX.	Special expenses				
34.	Special expenses	45 035.0			
PART X.	Capital expenditures				
35.	Construction, alteration, improvements and major maintenance	96 815.6			
PART XI.	Staff assessment				
36.	Staff assessment	374 137.2			
Total, expenditure sections		2 402 578.8			
Reduction from underutilized balances		13 343.9			

Section	Recommended appropriation	In favour	Against	Abstentions
	(Thousands of US dollars)			
Income sections				
1. Income from staff assessment	379 926.0			
2. General income	62 444.8			
3. Services to the public	6 842.5			
Total, income sections	449 213.3			
Total, net requirements	1 940 021.6			

UNITED
NATIONS

A

General Assembly

Distr.
LIMITED

A/C.5/46/L.18 (Part III)
18 December 1991

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Forty-sixth session
FIFTH COMMITTEE
Agenda item 107

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

Draft report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Mahmoud BARIMANI (Islamic Republic of Iran)

IV. CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL SUBJECTS

1. International Computing Centre: 1992 budget estimates

17. The Committee considered this subject at its 36th meeting, on 18 November. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/46/6). The report of the Advisory Committee thereon was presented orally by its Chairman.

18. At that meeting, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly approve the budget estimates of the International Computing Centre for the year 1992.

2. United Nations Fund for Namibia: scholarship programme for Namibian students

19. The Committee considered this subject at its 36th meeting, on 18 November. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/46/10). The Chairman of the Advisory Committee presented orally the report of that Committee.

20. At that meeting, the Committee decided, without a vote, to take note that the General Assembly approve the proposals made by the Secretary-General in paragraphs 14 and 15 of his report.

3. United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

21. The Committee considered this subject at its 36th and 53rd meetings, on 18 November and 16 December. It had before it the report of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research and the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters (A/46/334) and the related comment by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/46/11). The report of the Advisory Committee thereon was presented orally by its Chairman.

22. At its 53rd meeting, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly approve a subvention of $440,000 from the regular budget to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (see para. 53 below, draft resolution I B, sect. V).

4. Review of translation and interpretation services for all official languages in the Economic Commission for Africa

23. The Committee considered this subject at its 41st and 42nd meetings, on 25 and 26 November. The Committee had before it the note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/46/19) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/46/7/Add.1).

24. At its 42nd meeting, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly approve the proposals of the Secretary-General to re-establish a training programme for translators and to establish a separate Meetings Planning Function and Editorial Unit within the Conference Services Section of the Economic Commission for Africa, and to endorse the related conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee in its report.

5. Construction of additional conference facilities at Bangkok and Addis Ababa

25. The Committee considered this subject at its 44th and 45th meetings, on 4 and 5 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/46/22) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/44/7/Add.3).

26. At its 45th meeting, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the construction of additional conference facilities at Addis Ababa and Bangkok and concur with the recommendations and request made by the Advisory Committee in paragraphs 21, 22 and 29 of its report.

6. Honoraria payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations

27. The Committee considered this subject at its 44th and 45th meetings, on 3 and 5 December. The Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/46/12) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/46/7/Add.8).

28. At its 45th meeting, the Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly defer action on this matter to its forty-seventh session.

7. Representation allowance for under-secretaries-general and assistant secretaries-general

29. The Committee considered this question at its 44th and 45th meetings, on 3 and 5 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/46/32 and Corr.1).

30. At its 45th meeting, the Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly defer action on this matter to its forty-seventh session.

8. Administrative and financial arrangements for the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development

31. The Committee considered this subject at its 45th and __th meetings. It had before it the note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/46/25 and Corr.1) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/46/7/Add.6).

32. At its 55th meeting, on 18 December, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly approve an appropriation of $1,552,300 under section 13 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 for the International Conference on Population and Development, as recommended in paragraph 11 of the report of the Advisory Committee (see para. 53 below, draft resolution I B, sect. VIII).

9. Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council

33. The Committee considered this subject at its 44th and 45th meetings, on 3 and 5 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/46/34) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/46/7/Add.4).

34. At its 45th meeting, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the additional requirements resulting from decisions of the Economic and Social Council in 1991, estimated at $70,200 under section 22 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, subject to the guidelines for the use of the contingency fund in accordance with the

provisions of General Assembly resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987 and that requirements for 1994-1995 would be dealt with in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

10. Administrative and financial arrangements regarding the United Nations International Drug Control Programme

35. The Committee considered this question at its 46th, 47th and 53rd meetings, on 7, 9 and 16 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/46/23) and related report of the Advisory Committee (A/46/7/Add.9).

36. At its 55th meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution proposed by the Chairman (A/C.5/46/L.17) (see para. 53 below, draft resolution I B, sect. XVI).

11. Integrated management information system project

37. The Committee considered this item at its 47th, 48th and 50th meetings, on 9, 10 and 12 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/46/24) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/46/7/Add.12).

38. At its 50th meeting, on 12 December, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly take note of the third progress report of the Secretary-General on the Integrated management information system project and endorse the relevant comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee thereon (see para. 53 below, draft resolution I A, sect. V).

12. Optical disk storage and retrieval system

39. The Committee considered this question at its 47th, 48th and 50th meetings, on 9, 10 and 12 December. It had before it the reports of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/45/58 and A/C.5/46/26) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/46/7/Add.12).

40. At its 50th meeting, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the optical disk storage and retrieval system and to approve phase II of the optical disk project for 1992-1993, subject to the submission of a performance report on the completion of phase I in 1992 (see para. 53 below, draft resolution I B, sect. V).

13. Status of technological innovations in the United Nations

41. The Committee considered this subject at its 47th, 48th and 50th meetings, on 9, 10 and 12 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/46/1 and Corr.1) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/46/7/Add.12).

42. At its 50th meeting, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of technological innovations in the United Nations, and to request the Secretary-General to ensure the coordination and efficient and cost-effective use of the activities of all organizational units concerned (see para. 53 below, draft resolution I A, sect. V).

14. Status of telecommunications activities in the United Nations

43. The Committee considered this subject at its 47th, 48th and 50th meetings, on 9, 10 and 12 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/46/5) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/46/7/Add.12).

44. At its 50th meeting, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of telecommunications activities in the United Nations and to request the Secretary-General to ensure the coordination and efficient and cost-effective use of the activities of all organizational units concerned (see para. 53 below, draft resolution I A, sect. V).

15. Self-evaluation capacity of the Economic Commission for Africa

45. The Committee considered this subject at its 48th and 53rd meetings, on 10 and 16 December. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/46/37). The report of the Advisory Committee thereon was presented orally by its Chairman.

46. At its 53rd meeting, the Committee decided that the General Assembly establish the P-5 post of evaluation officer for the Economic Commission for Africa for the biennium 1992-1993 (see para. 53 below, draft resolution I B, sect. XVII).

16. Revised estimates under section 33F, Administration, Vienna, and Income section 2, General income

47. The Committee considered this subject at its 51st meeting, on 13 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/46/36) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/46/7/Add.14).

48. At that meeting, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly take note of the report of the Secretary-General and endorse the recommendation of the Advisory Committee to maintain the initial estimates proposed by the Secretary-General pending a more detailed review by the Advisory Committee of the proposals submitted by the Secretary-General.

17. Revised estimates under section 32D, Conference and library services, Vienna

49. The Committee considered this subject at its 54th meeting, on 17 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/46/30 and Add.1 and 2) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/46/7/Add.15), as orally amended.

50. At that meeting, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly take note of the report of the Secretary-General and endorse the recommendations of the Advisory Committee that an appropriation of $33,476,600 under section 32D be made, representing an increase of $803,800 over the initial estimates of $32,672,800, relating to requirements for the establishment of a common interpretation service as agreed upon by the International Atomic Energy Agency.

18. The contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates

51. The Fifth Committee considered this subject at its __th meeting, on __ December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/46/81) and the related report of the Advisory Committee.

52. At that meeting, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly appropriate the required amounts (totalling $2,762,900) as contained in the report of the Secretary-General. The Committee also decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it should note that a balance of $15,237,100 would remain in the contingency fund (see para. 53 below, resolution I A, sect. IX).

UNITED
NATIONS

A

General Assembly

Distr.
LIMITED

A/C.5/46/L.18 (Part IV)
18 December 1991

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Forty-sixth session
FIFTH COMMITTEE
Agenda item 107

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

Draft report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Mahmoud BARIMANI (Islamic Republic of Iran)

V. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

53. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Questions related to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993

A

The General Assembly

I

International Computing Centre: 1992 budget estimates

Approves the budget estimates for the International Computing Centre for the year 1992 amounting to 18,275,000 Swiss francs or 13,053,600 United States dollars;

II

United Nations Fund for Namibia: scholarship programme for Namibian students

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General 1/ and approves the proposals made in paragraphs 14 and 15 of the report;

III

Review of translation and interpretation services for all official languages in the Economic Commission for Africa

Approves the proposals contained in the report of the Secretary-General 2/ and the observations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report; 3/

IV

Construction of additional conference facilities at Bangkok and Addis Ababa

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General 4/ and concurs with the recommendations and requests made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraphs 28 and 29 of its report; 5/

V

Honoraria payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations

Decides to defer until its forty-seventh session consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on this item; 6/

1/ A/C.5/46/10.

2/ A/C.5/46/19.

3/ A/46/7/Add.1.

4/ A/C.5/46/22.

5/ A/46/7/Add.3.

6/ A/C.5/46/12.

VI

Representation allowance for under-secretaries-general and assistant secretaries-general

Decides to defer until its forty-seventh session consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on this item; 7/

VII

Revised estimates under section 33F, Administration, Vienna

Endorses the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to maintain the initial estimates proposed by the Secretary-General for this section, pending a more detailed review by the Advisory Committee of the proposals submitted by the Secretary-General in his report; 8/

VIII

Revised estimates under section 32D, Conference and library services, Vienna

Takes note of the revised estimates submitted by the Secretary-General to appropriate an additional amount of $803,800 relating to the requirements for the establishment of a common interpretation service at Vienna;

IX

Contingency fund

Notes that a balance of $15,237,100 remains in the contingency fund.

B

The General Assembly

I

Endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, contained in paragraphs 11 to 391 of its report on the work of its thirty-first session, including general considerations, overall resource requirements, priorities, methodology and format; 9/

7/ A/C.5/46/32.

8/ A/C.5/46/36.

9/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/46/16).

II

POSTS

1. Endorses the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination contained in paragraphs 41 to 43 of its report 9/ on the changes in the staffing table of the Organization;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to review and develop procedures and norms, including workload analyses, to justify the creation, suppression, reclassification, conversion and redeployment of posts and to submit a report with proposals through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, taking into account section I, paragraph 17 of resolution 45/239 A, of 21 December 1990;

3. Takes note of the number and distribution of high-level posts in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993; 10/

4. Invites the Secretary-General to indicate his proposed changes in the organization of the Secretariat, particularly with regard to high-level posts, in revised estimates to be presented to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

5. Endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 11/ with regard to the changes in the staffing table of the Organization proposed by the Secretary-General, and further decides: (a) to convert from temporary to established status four posts (one D-2, one P-5 and two General Service) in the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs in South-East Asia (section 2); (b) to defer the establishment of a new P-4 post of Editor in the Office for Political and General Assembly Affairs and Secretariat Services (section 4); (c) to establish on a temporary basis a P-5 post for the Director of the Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific at Kathmandu, Nepal, as indicated in section V of resolution B below; (d) not to endorse the downgrading of the P-4 post to the P-3 level proposed in section 9; (e) to keep for 1992 the D-2 post proposed for abolition in section 15 and also decides that the other posts under the subprogramme concerned should be treated as indicated in section IX of resolution B below; (f) and to accept the recommendation of the Advisory Committee to establish a P-5 post for an Evaluation Officer in the Economic Commission for Africa, as indicated in section XVII of resolution B below;

10/ Ibid., Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1).

11/ Ibid., Supplement No. 7 (A/46/7).

III

UNDER-UTILIZED BALANCES

1. Endorses as an ad hoc measure the reduction of 13,343,900 dollars recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the basis of under-utilized balances;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to bear in mind that the across-the-board reductions under each section resulting from the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the under-utilized balances are indicative and to consider, in implementing these recommendations, the requirements of programmes and services of the various units in the United Nations Secretariat;

3. Further requests the Secretary-General to use the first performance report to reflect his proposed transfers of resources among sections of the programme budget, in accordance with the existing financial regulations and rules and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in the relevant part of paragraph 22 of its report; 11/

IV

ACTIVITIES PROPOSED IN THE PROGRAMME BUDGET

1. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination contained in paragraphs 31 to 33 and 52 of its report; 9/

2. Requests the Secretary-General to undertake a review of the possible consolidation of administrative functions in the various units of the Secretariat and to submit proposals to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

3. Also requests the Secretary-General to review the distribution of resources between substantive central departments and offices and the regional commissions, taking into account the relevant provisions of resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and 41/213 of 19 December 1986, and to reflect his recommendations in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995;

4. Notes that the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 does not provide a list of activities that, in the judgement of the Secretary-General, can be discontinued, and requests the Secretary-General, in the implementation of the programme budget, to take into account measures that may improve the cost-effectiveness and efficiency of the Organization, thereby enhancing its capacity and flexibility to respond effectively to needs and mandates;

5. Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to develop workload standards and other management techniques, particularly in the context of the preparation of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995;

6. Endorses the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on priority setting contained in paragraphs 45 to 47 of its report, 9/ notes that the broad priority on the economic development of developing countries pertains to a large number of sections in the programme budget, and stresses the importance of ensuring adequate resources for the implementation of mandated activities under each section of the programme budget;

7. Notes that objectives of the medium-term plan 12/ and specific mandates of the General Assembly are not always fully reflected in the programme narratives and activities of some sections of the proposed programme budget, and requests the Secretary-General to take fully into account the views expressed by Member States in implementing the programme budget and in proposing revisions to the medium-term plan;

8. Also notes the growing role of extrabudgetary resources in the implementation of the programmes of the Organization, the progress achieved in the presentation of these resources in the programme budget, the impact of voluntary contributions on a number of subprogrammes in the economic and social domains and the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraphs 71 and 72 of its report 11/ with regard to the need for greater transparency, and decides to keep this question under constant review;

9. Further notes that the estimates in the proposed programme budget do not reflect the possible consequences for the activities financed from the regular budget of the decisions taken by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on new successor arrangements, recognizes that for sections of the programme budget, such as those pertaining to the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development of the Secretariat and the regional commissions, these new arrangements are likely to affect the projected level of resources in 1993 and perhaps in 1992, and invites the Secretary-General to keep the situation under constant review and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, in the most appropriate form;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to review the costs of services provided by the United Nations to activities financed by extrabudgetary resources and to provide an analysis of appropriate sources of funding for these costs, taking into account relevant intergovernmental decisions and resolutions and existing practices in this regard;

12/ Ibid., Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/45/6/Rev.1).

11. Also requests the Secretary-General to work in close collaboration with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme in the preparation of the report and to take into account paragraph 37 of decision 91/46 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme;

12. Requests that the two reports be reviewed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

V

TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS

1. Takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General on technological innovations, 13/ on telecommunications activities, 14/ and on optical disc storage and retrieval, 15/ and endorses the comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report on these projects; 16/

2. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure coordination among all organizational units involved in order to harmonize their activities to prevent future incompatibilities and ensure their efficient and cost-effective use;

3. Approves phase II of the optical disc storage project for 1992-1993, subject to the submission of a detailed performance report on the completion of phase I in 1992;

4. Takes note of the third progress report of the Secretary-General on the integrated management information system project, 17/ expresses concern at the delay in the implementation of the project and in the quality of the information provided to Member States, and endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph 45 of its first report 11/ and in paragraphs 17 to 29 of its twelfth report; 18/

13/ A/C.5/46/1 and Corr.1.

14/ A/C.5/46/5.

15/ A/C.5/46/26.

16/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/46/7 and Add.1-15), document A/46/7/Add.12.

17/ A/C.5/46/24.

18/ A/46/7/Add.12.

5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a progress report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session in accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, particularly with regard to the quantifiable increase in productivity, and indicating estimated maintenance costs per year on a long-term basis as indicated in paragraph 26 of its report;

6. Requests that a report based on an independent expert study and taking into account the views expressed by Member States at the current session be submitted in 1992, no later than 15 September, to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, which will review the report and advise the General Assembly on the matter at its forty-seventh session. The purpose of this independent evaluation is to assess the approach and methodology adopted in the development and implementation of this project and to determine whether the project can be expected to provide the benefits outlined in the reports of the Secretary-General and to contribute to a more efficient and effective administrative management of the Organization; in addition, the evaluation should provide suggestions for enhanced information to Member States, inter alia, through adequate phasing of the project, with a view to enabling the Assembly to take informed decisions on the subject; the report is to be financed from the existing provision for the project;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to submit one comprehensive report on new technology projects, including information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, taking into account the views expressed by Member States on these matters in the Fifth Committee;

VI

PUBLICATIONS POLICY

1. Notes that in a number of sections of the proposed programme budget, notably in parts IV, V, VI, VII and VIII, there seems to be a large number of publications and an unclear distinction between publications requested by intergovernmental bodies and technical publications produced at the initiative of the Secretariat;

2. Also notes that the quality and relevance of publications appears to be uneven and that the policies for pricing and distribution of United Nations publications needs to be further refined;

3. Endorses the recommendations contained in paragraphs 27 and 32.16 to 32.19 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 11/ and emphasizes the need for the Secretariat to utilize better internal printing facilities with a view to reducing the overall cost of printing;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to review the overall publications policy of the Organization, including its technical aspects and possible coordination at the level of the system, and to present a report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

VII

WORKLOAD OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

1. Endorses the views contained in paragraph 85 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 11/

2. Requests the Secretary-General to undertake a review, taking into account all aspects of the implications resulting from the increasing trend on workload of the various committees and commissions, and to submit a report, with appropriate proposals, to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

3. Recognizes that the working methods of the Advisory Committee for Administrative and Budgetary Questions are within its competence, and invites the Committee to report its decisions and recommendations, as appropriate, to the General Assembly;

VIII

SEMINAR ON THE METHODOLOGY OF THE PROGRAMME BUDGET

1. Endorses the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Coordination contained in paragraph 49 of its report, 9/ on the convening by the Secretary-General of an ad hoc technical seminar to review the question of the methodology used for the preparation of the programme budget, and recommends that this seminar take place during the first part of 1992;

2. Also endorses the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, contained in paragraphs 53, 400 and 401 of its report, 9/ concerning the submission of a prototype of a new budget format, through the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

IX

CONTINGENCY FUND

1. Recalls its resolution 45/255 of 21 December 1990, by which it provisionally established the level of the contingency fund of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 at a level of 0.75 per cent of the preliminary estimate of 2,462,400,000 dollars, i.e. 19 million dollars;

2. Takes note of the adjustment made by the Secretary-General to the preliminary estimates from 2,462,400,000 dollars to 2,366,300,000 dollars, and decides that the revised level of the contingency fund stands at 18 million dollars;

X

BUDGET-RELATED STAFFING ISSUES

1. Requests the Secretary-General to review the nature and level of regular budget funding of staff union activities and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

2. Invites the Secretary-General to take into account section XIII, paragraph 2, of resolution 45/241 of 21 December 1990 in the implementation of the programme budget for 1992-1993;

3. Decides that a turnover rate of 0.5 per cent shall be applied in respect of General Service staff in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993;

C

The General Assembly

I

SECTION 1. OVERALL POLICY-MAKING, DIRECTION AND COORDINATION

Having accepted the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the posts for its secretariat, and having noted the increasing workload of the Committee,

1. Stresses the statutory nature and the importance of the functions of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and invites the Secretary-General to keep under review the method of financing of posts in the secretariat of the Committee that are not part of the regular budget;

2. Decides that, starting in 1992, the travel expenses and subsistence of the members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for attendance at the joint Committee for Programme and Coordination/Administrative Committee on Coordination meetings should be authorized under the regular budget of the Organization, on the understanding that there is no increase in the total appropriation of the relevant part of section 1 and that claims related to the regular sessions of the Committee for Programme and Coordination will have first priority;

II

SECTION 2. GOOD OFFICES AND PEACEMAKING; PEACE-KEEPING; RESEARCH AND THE COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

1. Requests the Secretary-General to reflect the wording contained in General Assembly resolution 46/48 on the comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects, adopted by the Assembly on 9 December 1991 upon the recommendation of the Special Political Committee, in the programme budget and in the medium-term plan;

2. Invites the Secretary-General to ensure that the activities of the Office for Research and the Collection of Information fully complement the activities of other offices, including the Department of Political and Security Council Affairs;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit appropriate information on the financial and related aspects of special missions, particularly cost absorption, in the context of the budget performance reports;

III

SECTION 3. POLITICAL AND SECURITY COUNCIL AFFAIRS

Recalling its resolutions 32/71 of 9 December 1977 and 40/243 of 18 December 1985, as well as the relevant observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 19/ on the venues of meetings of subsidiary bodies,

Requests the Committee on Conferences to expedite its review of United Nations bodies meeting away from their established headquarters and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

IV

SECTION 4. POLITICAL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY AFFAIRS AND SECRETARIAT SERVICES

1. Decides to consider at its forty-seventh session the report on the organization of editorial services at United Nations Headquarters, 20/ as recommended by the Committee for Programme and Coordination in paragraph 96 of its report; 9/

19/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/44/7 and Add.1-8).

20/ A/C.5/46/47.

2. Also decides to postpone its decision on the proposal of the Secretary-General and the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the establishment of a P-4 post of Editor, pending final decision on the results of the above-mentioned review on editorial services at its forty-seventh session;

3. Accepts the reclassification of the post of Secretary of the Committee for Programme and Coordination from the P-4 to the P-5 level;

4. Notes the responsibilities currently attached to this post and the inconsistencies in the levels of secretaries of various intergovernmental policy-making organs, and requests the Secretary-General to keep under review the levels of these posts, bearing in mind the other responsibilities associated to the posts, and to present proposals as appropriate to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

V

SECTION 5. DISARMAMENT

1. Accepts the proposal of the Secretary-General and the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the granting of a subvention of 440,000 dollars to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, recalls its resolution 44/201 B of 21 December 1989, and reiterates its request contained in section IV of that resolution, and endorses the observations and recommendations contained in paragraphs 5.9 and 5.10 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions stressing the need for the eventual self-sufficiency of the Institute and urging that every effort should be made to encourage donors to make additional unrestricted contributions which could be used to defray the administrative costs of the Institute;

2. Decides to establish a P-5 post for the Director of the Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific at Kathmandu, Nepal, effective 1 January 1992, on a temporary basis, subject to a review for the need to establish this post on a permanent basis for the next biennium;

VI

SECTION 9. LEGAL AFFAIRS

1. Recalls the concerns expressed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the persistent backlog in the publication of the United Nations Treaty Series and invites the Secretary-General to take innovative and cost-effective measures to address this problem;

2. Endorses the comments and observations made by the Advisory Committee in paragraphs 9.6 and 9.7 of its report, on the questions of travel and publication policy in the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;

3. Notes the proposals of the Secretary-General and the recommendation of the Advisory Committee regarding the reclassification of two posts in the Codification Division, and decides not to endorse these proposals;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, in administering the staffing table of section 9, to take fully into account the views expressed by Member States on the proposed reclassifications;

VII

SECTION 11A. OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION

1. Endorses the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed reclassification of a D-1 post, and decides, in the light of the increasing importance of a system-wide coordination in the economic and social domains, to keep this question under constant review;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to review the programme narrative under section 11A, taking into account all relevant mandates adopted by the General Assembly;

SECTION 11B. WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

Endorses the recommendation contained in paragraph 11B.7 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the question of the rental of office space for the secretariat of the World Food Council, and urges the Secretary-General to make every effort to obtain premises at a lower cost for this secretariat;

SECTION 11C. UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and encourages the Secretary-General to redeploy resources from within section 11C to provide for any additional consultancy requirements.

VIII

SECTION 13. DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

1. Notes the different presentation of the activities on non-governmental organizations in section 13, and stresses that the functions of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs in this regard remain unchanged;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to examine activities related to "centrally planned economies" in the light of global economic developments and to report to the General Assembly in the context of the revisions to the medium-term plan to be submitted at the forty-seventh session;

3. Takes note of the Secretary-General's report on the administrative and financial arrangements of the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development, 21/ endorses the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to provide regular budget funding for the Conference, and requests the Secretary-General to make all necessary efforts to seek voluntary contributions funding for the Conference;

IX

SECTION 15. UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

1. Notes the negative growth proposed for this section over the revised estimates for 1990-1991, stresses the importance of the Programme on Trade and Development in relation with the broad priorities of economic development for developing countries, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the activities proposed under this section including, if necessary, through the redeployment of resources in accordance with established procedures;

2. Also notes the proposals of the Secretary-General to abolish a D-2 post and to redeploy the 12 other posts of subprogramme 5, and the related recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. Recognizes that new mandates and new activities might emerge under section 15;

4. Decides that the 13 posts under subprogramme 5 mentioned above should be retained for 1992, with the corresponding appropriation;

21/ A/C.5/46/25 and Corr.1.

5. Requests the Secretary-General to make proposals on these posts for 1993 to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, taking into account the results of the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and other mandates of relevant intergovernmental bodies, and also taking into account the possibility for curtailing activities under this subprogramme mentioned in relation to the statement of programme budget implications for the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s; 22/

X

SECTION 16. INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTRE

Requests that the detailed recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on section 16 of the proposed programme budget should be made available to the budget committee of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade at its October session in the odd-numbered year before the beginning of the budgetary biennium;

XI

SECTION 17. UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

1. Endorses the recommendation contained in paragraph 265 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination 9/ that all non-mandated activities should be excluded from the programme narrative of section 17;

2. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the conference servicing of intergovernmental bodies convened at Nairobi, 23/ endorses the relevant recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, stresses that interpretation services should be available for all official languages of the Organization, and requests the Secretary-General to report on possible additional financial requirements under section 17 in the context of the first performance report for the biennium 1992-1993;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to study the possibility of alternative arrangements for the secretariat of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, including its possible merger with the International Atomic Energy Agency, and to report to the General Assembly at its next session;

22/ A/C.5/45/69.

23/ A/C.5/46/29.

XII

SECTION 18. CENTRE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

Notes the negative growth proposed for this section, stresses the importance of the Programme on Science and Technology for Development in relation with the broad priority of economic development for developing countries, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the activities proposed under this section, including enhanced coordination with the regional commissions and, if necessary, through the redeployment of resources in accordance with established procedures;

XIII

SECTION 19. UNITED NATIONS CENTRE FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (Habitat)

1. Endorses the recommendation contained in paragraph 276 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, 9/ and stresses that the activities envisaged under subprogrammes 1, 6 and 8 should be fully responsive to the needs of the various regions, including Latin America and the Caribbean;

2. Also endorses the relevant recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the translation of documentation into Chinese, and invites the Secretary-General to reflect any related additional appropriation in the context of the first performance report for the biennium 1992-1993 under section 19;

3. Invites the Secretary-General to ensure that all publications of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements are translated into all official languages in a timely manner;

XIV

SECTION 20. UNITED NATIONS CENTRE ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

Endorses the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed reclassification of the General Service post of Managing Editor, CTC Reporter Magazine, pending the completion of the review of the publication policy of the Organization;

XV

SECTION 21. SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS

1. Stresses the importance of the preparation of the World Conference on Women, to be held in 1995, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that adequate resources are provided for such preparation during the biennium 1992-1993;

2. Also stresses the importance of the appropriate servicing of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and requests the Secretary-General to ensure such servicing including through the redeployment of resources;

XVI

SECTION 22. INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL

Endorses the recommendation contained in paragraph 301 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, 9/ and stresses the need for allocation of adequate resources for activities undertaken pursuant to this recommendation.

Administrative and financial arrangements regarding the United Nations International Drug Control Programme

1. Decides to establish, as from 1 January 1992, under the direct responsibility of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme as a fund for financing operational activities mainly in developing countries and to transfer to it the financial resources of the former United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control;

2. Authorizes the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as the principal United Nations policy-making body on drug control issues, taking into account Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/38 of 21 June 1991 and General Assembly resolution 46/104 of 16 December 1991, to approve, on the basis of the Executive Director's proposals, both the budget of the Fund's programme and the administrative and programme support costs budget, other than expenditures borne by the United Nations regular budget, and requests the Commission to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the ways in which it plans to carry out the administrative and financial functions;

3. Requests the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to submit its comments and recommendations on the administrative and programme support costs budget of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;

4. Invites the Secretary-General to consider ways to streamline the proposed structure for the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, taking into account, inter alia, the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the views expressed in the Fifth Committee, including the need to promote regional cooperation under the coordination of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme in consultation with the regional commissions and to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

5. Decides to consider the arrangements relating to personnel for the United Nations International Drug Control Programme funded by the United Nations regular budget at a later stage during the current session of the General Assembly, and meanwhile requests the Secretary-General to take all measures necessary to expedite the recruitment of such personnel;

6. Notes that the paramount consideration in the employment of the staff and in the determination of the conditions of service shall be the necessity of securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity and that due regard shall be paid to the importance of recruiting the staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible;

7. Notes the intention of the Secretary-General to promulgate financial rules for the Fund, in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, it being understood that the references in the said financial rules to the role and functions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs shall be consistent with the role of the Commission given in paragraph 2 above;

8. Decides that, notwithstanding regulations 11.1 and 11.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, the Executive Director of the Programme shall maintain the accounts of the Fund of the Programme and shall be responsible for presenting the said accounts and related financial statements, not later than 31 March following the end of the financial period, to the Board of Auditors and for submitting financial reports to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and to the General Assembly;

XVII

SECTION 23. ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

1. Accepts the proposals of the Secretary-General and the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the multinational programming and operational centres, taking into account the relevant evaluation report, 24/ the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, 9/ the report of the Secretary-General, 25/

24/ E/AC/1991/3.

25/ A/C.5/45/57.

the relevant decisions of the Economic and Social Council, paragraph 23.9 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 11/ and further views expressed by the Secretariat during the consideration of this question at the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly, and requests the Secretary-General to provide the multinational programming and operational centres with the remaining Professional and General Service category posts and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

2. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the self-evaluation capacity of the Economic Commission for Africa 26/ and the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee, and decides to establish the P-5 post of Evaluation Officer for the Economic Commission for Africa for the biennium 1992-1993, and to review the functions of this post in the context of the preparation of the 1994-1995 programme budget;

3. Accepts the proposals of the Secretary-General and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on the situation of this Institute, in the light of Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/72 of 27 July 1990;

XVIII

SECTION 24. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

1. Notes the proposed priorities among subprogrammes, invites the Secretary-General to be guided by the work programme and the priorities recommended by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in implementing the programme budget, and stresses the importance of submitting new proposals in the context of the revisions to the medium-term plan for 1992-1997;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to assess the capacity of the Commission to fulfil its role for the strengthening of multilateral regional and subregional cooperation, having regard to the resources available in the Commission, and to propose measures for the strengthening of the Commission in the context of the revised estimates of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, taking into account the work programme of the Commission;

26/ A/C.5/46/37.

XIX

SECTION 28. HUMAN RIGHTS

1. Accepts the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions with regard to posts, and requests the Secretary-General to provide complete information concerning management and workload analysis, as indicated by the Advisory Committee, to enable the Committee to make appropriate recommendations to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session in the context of the proposed programme budget for 1994-1995 on the establishment of these temporary posts on a permanent basis, on the understanding that the arrangements on temporary posts will be included in a long-term solution for the resources of the Centre for Human Rights;

2. Requests the Secretary-General, with regard to the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on the level of general temporary assistance for section 28, to ensure that adequate resources are available during the biennium 1992-1993;

XX

SECTION 29A. OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

Endorses the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions regarding the financing of additional posts from the regular budget, requests the Secretary-General to review with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees the current arrangements for the financing of administrative and other posts at the Office, taking into account the financial situation of the Office and the United Nations and all relevant intergovernmental decisions, and to make proposals, as appropriate, in the context of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995;

XXI

SECTION 29B. UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

1. Takes note of the proposals of the Secretary-General, and requests him to review the resource requirements of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East under the regular budget, taking into account resolution 3331 B (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, subsequent practices and the reasons which led the Secretary-General to put forward the proposals contained in paragraph 29B.8 of the proposed programme budget for 1992-1993;

2. Further requests the Secretary-General to make recommendations in this regard, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

XXII

SECTION 31. PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. Notes that the Trust Fund for Information Support for African Economic Recovery and Development should have been mentioned in section 11A, stresses the importance of the Fund for the implementation of the activities mandated under programme 45, and invites the Secretary-General to mobilize resources for the Fund and requests him to report in the most appropriate form to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

2. Stresses the importance of ensuring cultural diversity and equality of languages in the activities of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, particularly with regard to audiovisual materials and radio programmes;

XXIII

SECTION 32. CONFERENCE SERVICES

Requests the Secretary-General to keep under review workload standards in the Department of Conference Services, taking into account technological innovations and the need for further progress in productivity, and to report in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993

A

Budget appropriations for the biennium 1992-1993

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1992-1993:

1. Appropriations totalling 2 389 234 900 United States dollars are hereby voted for the following purposes:

Section	(Thousands of US dollars)
PART I. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination	
1. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination	35 545.5
Total, Part I	35 545.5
PART II. Political affairs	
2. Good offices and peacemaking; peace-keeping; research and the collection of information	97 580.6
3. Political and Security Council affairs	15 822.8
4. Political and General Assembly affairs and Secretariat services	12 486.3
5. Disarmament	13 264.4
6. Special political questions, regional cooperation, trusteeship and decolonization	9 499.1
7. Elimination of apartheid	8 300.3
Total, Part II	156 953.5

Section	(Thousands of US dollars)
PART III. International justice and law	
8. International Court of Justice	17 606.5
9. Legal activities	21 821.8
10. Law of the sea and ocean affairs	9 088.3
Total, Part III	48 516.6
PART IV. International cooperation for development	
11. Development and international economic cooperation	19 047.0
12. Regular programme of technical cooperation	42 285.9
13. Department of International Economic and Social Affairs	54 828.1
14. Department of Technical Cooperation for Development ...	27 482.7
15. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	90 477.1
16. International Trade Centre	17 916.2
17. United Nations Environment Programme	12 927.4
18. Centre for Science and Technology for Development	4 851.0
19. United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) .	11 500.5
20. United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations ...	12 839.5
21. Social development and humanitarian affairs	13 898.8
22. International drug control	13 651.4
Total, Part IV	321 705.6
PART V. Regional cooperation for development	
23. Economic Commission for Africa	74 959.3
24. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	51 887.5
25. Economic Commission for Europe	41 242.9

Section		(Thousands of US dollars)
26.	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean	67 753.7
27.	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	50 660.6
	Total, Part V	286 504.0
PART VI.	Human rights and humanitarian affairs	
28.	Human rights	23 391.2
29.	Protection of and assistance to refugees	60 823.0
30.	Disaster relief operations	7 824.6
	Total, Part VI	92 038.8
PART VII.	Public information	
31.	Public information	100 977.0
	Total, Part VII	100 977.0
PART VIII.	Common support services	
32.	Conference services	422 414.6
33.	Administration and management	421 935.4
	Total, Part VIII	844 350.0
PART IX.	Special expenses	
34.	Special expenses	45 035.0
	Total, Part IX	45 035.0
PART X.	Capital expenditures	
35.	Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	96 815.6
	Total, Part X	96 815.6

Section	(Thousands of US dollars)
PART XI. Staff assessment	
36. Staff assessment	374 137.2
Total, Part XI	374 137.2
GRAND TOTAL	2 402 578.8
Reduction from underutilized balances	13 343.9

2. The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. The total net provision made under the various sections of the budget for contractual printing shall be administered as a unit under the direction of the United Nations Publications Board;

4. The appropriations for the regular programme of technical cooperation under part IV, section 12, shall be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, except that the definition of obligations and the period of validity of obligations shall be subject to the following procedures:

(a) Obligations for personal services established in the current biennium shall be valid for the succeeding biennium, provided that appointments of the experts concerned are effected by the end of the current biennium, and that the total period to be covered by obligations established for these purposes against the resources of the current biennium shall not exceed twenty-four months;

(b) Obligations established in the current biennium for fellowships shall remain valid until liquidated, provided that the fellow has been nominated by the requesting Government and accepted by the Organization, and that a formal letter of award has been issued to the requesting Government;

(c) Obligations in respect of contracts or purchase orders for supplies or equipment recorded in the current biennium will remain valid until payment is effected to the contractor or vendor, unless they are cancelled;

5. In addition to the appropriations voted under paragraph 1 above, an amount of 151,000 dollars is appropriated for each year of the biennium 1992-1993 from accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for the

purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses of the Library at the Palais des Nations as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

B

Income estimates for the biennium 1992-1993

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1992-1993:

1. Estimates of income other than assessments on Member States totalling 449,213,300 dollars are approved as follows:

Income section		(Thousands of US dollars)
1.	Income from staff assessment	379 926.0
	Total, Part I	379 926.0
2.	General income	62 444.8
3.	Services to the public	6 842.5
	Total, Part II	69 287.3
	GRAND TOTAL	449 213.3

2. The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

3. Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, catering and related services, garage operations, television services and the sale of publications, not provided for under the budget appropriations, shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.

C

Financing of appropriations for the year 1992

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the year 1992:

1. Budget appropriations in a total amount of 1,228,519,850 United States dollars, consisting of 1,007,548,800 dollars, being half of the appropriations approved for the biennium 1992-1993 by the General Assembly under paragraph 1 of resolution A above plus 33,902,400 dollars, being the increase in revised appropriations for 1990-1991 approved by the General Assembly in resolution 46/ A, shall be financed in accordance with regulations 5.1 and 5.2 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations as follows:

(a) 33,804,950 dollars, being the net of half of the estimated income other than staff assessment approved for the biennium 1992-1993 under resolution B above decreased by 838,700 dollars, being the decrease in estimated income other than staff assessment for 1990-1991 approved by the General Assembly in resolution 46/ B;

(b) 1,007,386,500 dollars, being the assessment on Member States in accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/ of December 1991 on the scale of assessments for the years 1992, 1993;

2. There shall be set off against the assessment on Member States, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the total amount of 187,328,400 dollars consisting of:

(a) 167,587,300 dollars, being half of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the biennium 1992-1993 under resolution B above;

(b) Plus 19,741,100 dollars, being the increase in the revised income from staff assessment for the biennium 1990-1991 approved by the General Assembly in resolution 46/ B.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 1992-1993

The General Assembly

1. Authorizes the Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subject to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations and the provisions of paragraph 3 below, to enter into commitments in the biennium 1992-1993 to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses arising either during or subsequent to

that biennium, provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(a) Such commitments, not exceeding a total of US$ 3 million in any one year of the biennium 1992-1993, as the Secretary-General certifies relate to the maintenance of peace and security;

(b) Such commitments as the President of the International Court of Justice certifies relate to expenses occasioned by:

(i) The designation of ad hoc judges (Statute of the Court, Article 31), not exceeding a total of 250,000 dollars;

(ii) The appointment of assessors (Statute, Article 30), or the calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, Article 50), not exceeding a total of 75,000 dollars;

(iii) The holding of sessions of the Court away from the Hague (Statute, Article 22), not exceeding a total of 100,000 dollars;

(c) Such commitments, in an amount not exceeding 500,000 dollars, in the biennium 1992-1993, as the Secretary-General certifies are required for interorganizational security measures pursuant to section IV of General Assembly resolution 36/235 of 18 December 1981;

2. Resolves that the Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh and forty-eighth sessions all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to the Assembly in respect of such commitments;

3. Decides that, for the biennium 1992-1993, if a decision of the Security Council results in the need for the Secretary-General to enter into commitments relating to the maintenance of peace and security in an amount exceeding 10 million dollars in respect of that decision, the matter shall be brought to the General Assembly or, if the Assembly is suspended or not in session, a resumed or special session of the Assembly shall be convened by the Secretary-General to consider the matter.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1992-1993

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

1. The Working Capital Fund shall be established for the biennium 1992-1993 in the amount of 100 million dollars;

2. Member States shall make advances to the Working Capital Fund in accordance with the scale adopted by the General Assembly for contributions of Member States to the budget for the year 1992;

3. There shall be set off against this allocation of advances:

(a) Credits to Member States resulting from transfers made in 1959 and 1960 from surplus account to the Working Capital Fund in an adjusted amount of 1,025,092 dollars;

(b) Cash advances paid by Member States to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1990-1991 under General Assembly resolution 44/204 of 21 December 1989;

4. Should the credits and advances paid by any Member State to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1990-1991 exceed the amount of that Member State's advance under the provisions of paragraph 2 above, the excess shall be set off against the amount of the contributions payable by the Member State in respect of the biennium 1992-1993;

5. The Secretary-General is authorized to advance from the Working Capital Fund:

(a) Such sums as may be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending the receipt of contributions; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for the purpose;

(b) Such sums as may be necessary to finance commitments which may be duly authorized under the provisions of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, in particular resolution 46/ of December 1991 relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates for reimbursing the Working Capital Fund;

(c) Such sums as may be necessary, together with net sums outstanding for the same purpose, do not exceed 200,000 dollars to continue the revolving fund to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities; advances in excess of the total of 200,000 dollars may be made with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(d) With the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, such sums as may be required to finance payments of advance insurance premiums where the period of insurance extends beyond the end of the biennium in which payment is made; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates of each biennium, during the life of the related policies, to cover the charges applicable to each biennium;

(e) Such sums as may be necessary to enable he Tax Equalization Fund to meet current commitments pending the accumulation of credits; such advances shall be repaid as soon as credits are available in the Tax Equalization Fund;

6. Should the provision in paragraph 1 above prove inadequate to meet the purposes normally related to the Working Capital Fund, the Secretary-General is authorized to utilize, in the biennium 1992-1993, cash from special funds and accounts in his custody, under the conditions approved in General Assembly resolution 1341 (XIII) of 13 December 1958, or the proceeds of loans authorized by the Assembly.

UNITED
NATIONS

A

General Assembly

Distr.
LIMITED

A/C.5/46/L.18 (Part IV)/Corr.1
19 December 1991

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Forty-sixth session
FIFTH COMMITTEE
Agenda item 107

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

Draft report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Mahmoud BARIMANI (Islamic Republic of Iran)

Corrigendum

Page 27, draft resolution II C

Replace the existing text with the following:

C

Financing of appropriations for the year 1992

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the year 1992:

1. Budget appropriations in a total amount of 1,228,519,850 United States dollars, consisting of 1,194,617,450 dollars, being half of the appropriations approved for the biennium 1992-1993 by the General Assembly under paragraph 1 of resolution A above plus 33,902,400 dollars, being the increase in revised appropriations for the biennium 1990-1991 approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/ A, shall be financed in accordance with regulations 5.1 and 5.2 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations as follows:

(a) 34,643,650 dollars, being the net of half of the estimated income other than staff assessment approved for the biennium 1992-1993 under resolution B above decreased by 838,700 dollars, being the decrease in estimated income other than staff assessment for 1990-1991 approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/ B;

(b) 1,194,714,900 dollars, being the assessment on Member States in accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/ of December 1991 on the scale of assessments for the years 1992 and 1993;

2. There shall be set off against the assessment on Member States, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the total amount of 209,704,100 dollars consisting of:

(a) 189,963,000 dollars, being half of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the biennium 1992-1993 under resolution B above;

(b) Plus 19,741,100 dollars, being the increase in the revised income from staff assessment for the biennium 1990-1991 approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/ B.

UNITED NATIONS

A

General Assembly

Distr.
LIMITED

A/C.5/46/L.19
18 December 1991

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Forty-sixth session
FIFTH COMMITTEE
Agenda item 113

PATTERN OF CONFERENCES

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Fifth Committee following informal consultations

Pattern of conferences

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Conferences, 1/

Recalling its relevant resolutions, including resolution 43/222 B of 21 December 1988, 44/196 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/238 A of 21 December 1990,

Taking note of the comments made by all Member States at the Fifth Committee during the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly,

Noting the role of the Committee on Conferences with regard to inter-sessional departures from the approved calendar of conferences,

Noting also that the objective in continuing the study and analysis of utilization rates is to enhance a more effective disposition of conference-servicing resources,

Recognizing that improvements in the utilization of conference-servicing resources have been recorded and that further improvements could be achieved, including in the precision of planning the use of conference-servicing resources,

---

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 32 and corrigendum and addendum (A/46/32 and Corr.1 and Add.1).

Recalling the report of the General Committee, as approved by the General Assembly, which requires that Main Committees review the number of special conferences already proposed and scheduled in their respective fields of activity prior to deciding upon the scheduling of new and additional conferences and that there should be an overall limit of five special conferences in a given year, 2/

Keeping in mind its resolutions 33/56 of 14 December 1978, 36/117 B of 10 December 1981 and 45/238 B of 21 December 1990, by which it requested the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to ensure that pre-session documents for meetings were distributed not less than six weeks before the meetings, simultaneously in all official languages of the organs of the United Nations, and to circulate eight weeks before the opening of a session of an intergovernmental body, with the annotated agenda of the session, a report on the state of preparation at that time of all the documents in all languages required for the session,

Recalling the Secretary-General's proposal at the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly to undertake a fresh outside look of the Department of Conference Services during the biennium 1990-1991 as well as the relevant decisions of the General Assembly in this regard,

Noting with concern that the rule concerning the issuance of documents in all official languages six weeks before the meetings has not been observed in many organs of the United Nations,

1. Approves the draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 1992-1993 as submitted by the Committee on Conferences; 3/

2. Authorizes the Committee on Conferences to make adjustments in the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1992 that may become necessary as a result of action and decisions taken by the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session;

3. Calls upon the Committee on Conferences and the Secretariat to analyse alternative scheduling arrangements for the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council and the ramifications of possible adjustments to the dates as currently scheduled for 1993, bearing in mind the provisions of resolution 45/264 of 13 May 1991 which stipulate that the substantive session should take place between May and July;

4. Notes the guidelines adopted by the Committee on Conferences with regard to inter-sessional departures from the approved calendar of conferences and meetings;

2/ A/46/250, para. 23.

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 23 and corrigendum and addendum (A/46/32 and Corr.1 and Add.1), annex II.

5. Invites the Economic and Social Council to consider formalizing its procedures with regard to inter-sessional departures from the approved calendar of conferences and meetings, by granting authority to the Committee on Conferences to act on behalf of the Council when the Council is not in session and consulting the Committee on Conferences whenever the Council itself is seized of such requests;

6. Requests the Economic and Social Council to consider proposals on the biennialization of meetings or agenda items of its subsidiary bodies where appropriate, fully taking into account the ongoing restructuring and revitalization process envisaged by resolution 45/264 and the views expressed by the subsidiary bodies;

7. Recalls that no subsidiary organ of the General Assembly may meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly, and requests subsidiary organs to re-evaluate their reporting cycles with a view to completing annual work programmes, where possible, prior to the start of regular sessions of the General Assembly;

8. Requests the Committee on Conferences to examine, in the light of the approved calendars of conferences and meetings, particularly that for 1992-1993, trends in meetings and documentation requirements as well as the related workload of the Secretariat on the basis of the relevant statistics and projections covering the period from 1984 to 1993 to be submitted by the Secretary-General, and to report its findings to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

9. Requests the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences and the Secretary-General to maintain their contacts with United Nations organs, bringing to their attention ways to ensure the most efficient and effective use of conference services allocated to those organs, including, inter alia, the convening of meetings in a timely manner, rationalizing, to the extent possible, their meeting requirements, as well as monitoring the timely issuance and availability of documentation;

10. Requests the Committee on Conferences to consider, within its mandate, measures to improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the use of conference-servicing resources;

11. Requests all subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly and of the Economic and Social Council to undertake informal consultations on a regular basis for the purpose of improving the utilization of their conference-servicing resources;

12. Requests the Chairmen of these bodies to report the results of these consultations to the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive analysis of replies received to the Committee on Conferences;

13. Requests the Committee on Conferences, in consultation with the organs concerned, to examine the cases where the utilization factor is lower than the established benchmark figure for at least three sessions, with a view to reporting on problems and factors that have given rise to such a situation, and to make appropriate recommendations in order to achieve the optimum utilization of conference-servicing resources;

14. Invites the Trusteeship Council to review its meeting requirements;

15. Welcomes the decision of the Committee on Conferences to incorporate an availability index on pre-session documentation into the experimental methodology on utilization of conference-servicing resources, and requests the Committee on Conferences, in continuing its analysis of the experimental methodology, to consider additional elements proposed in the Fifth Committee, including a review of the benchmark figure up to 85 per cent and the separate presentation of time lost due to late starting and early ending of meetings;

16. Requests the Secretariat, in order to promote increased utilization of conference resources available, to schedule meetings consecutively within one three-hour meeting period as appropriate;

17. Invites the Committee on Conferences, in close consultation with the Secretariat, and taking into account views expressed in the Fifth Committee, to strengthen its efforts in the coordinated planning of conference-servicing resources, including an examination of the current situation, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

18. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session and as appropriate to subsequent sessions, through the Committee on Conferences and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, a consolidated statement relating to the number and costs of scheduled special conferences bearing in mind the annual limit of five as set out in resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985 and endorsed by the Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986;

19. Requests the Committee on Conferences to continue to monitor the meetings provided to organs and programmes not funded from the regular budget and to consider the impact of their scheduling on the calendar of conferences;

20. Invites the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund to review their meeting and documentation requirements in the light of their significant financial implications and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Committee on Conferences;

21. Requests the Secretary-General, in the context of the systematic and progressive replacement and upgrading of the equipment in the conference rooms, to make proposals to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, taking advantage of the experience gained by other organizations of the United Nations system, on the usefulness and feasibility of installing an appropriate

signalling system whenever any speech time-limit is established in accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to enable systematically each speaker, as well as the Chairperson and participants, to monitor the time left before actually breaking the time-limit;

22. Notes that investments in new technologies are essential for the optimum use of all resources, and, in view of the heavy capital outlay and recurrent costs, requests the Secretary-General to continue to take appropriate measures to maximize the compatibility and cost-effectiveness of the new technologies to be introduced throughout the United Nations system;

23. Urges that the applications of new technologies should, to the extent possible, be introduced evenly throughout all United Nations conference centres;

24. Urges the Secretary-General to take necessary measures to ensure that pre-session documents are distributed not less than six weeks before the meetings, unless there is a specific decision to the contrary, simultaneously in all official languages of the organs of the United Nations, and to circulate eight weeks before the opening of a session of an intergovernmental body, with the annotated agenda of the session, a report on the exact state of preparation at that time of all the documents in all languages required for the session;

25. Requests the Secretary-General and the executive heads of United Nations programmes, funds and secretariats of organs to ensure that each official document carries on its front page and in an appropriate manner the dates concerning the following stages of the documentation process: issuing by the substantive Department; end of the translation into the specific language; printing; issuing;

26. Requests the Secretary-General, with the assistance of a task force composed of appropriate Secretariat units and with supplementary assistance of experts from outside the United Nations, as appropriate, to be coordinated by the Management Advisory Service and financed through existing resources of the Department, to review the organizational structure, technological innovations and working methods of the Department of Conference Services, taking into account previous studies, with a view to enhancing efficiency and effectiveness, and to report his recommendations to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Committee on Conferences and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

27. Takes note of the comprehensive programme of work and biennialization of work programme adopted by the Committee on Conferences, taking into account its responsibilities as established by the General Assembly;

28. Calls upon the Committee to continue to explore ways and means for a more effective implementation of its terms of reference and the relevant recommendations contained in the report of the Group of High-level

Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations, 4/ as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213;

29. Decides to consider at its forty-seventh session the desirability and possibility of biennializing this agenda item in the context of the ongoing efforts to improve the work of the Fifth Committee by, inter alia, biennializing items of its agenda.

4/ Ibid., Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/41/49).